

# News release

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## Disciplinary Committee ordered Exclusion from Membership\*

On 11 February 2020, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against a member, Mr Julian Kevin John Sweetman of Nottingham, United Kingdom:

## Allegation 1

- (a) Between 01 December 2013 and 31 August 2017, Mr Julian Sweetman, sole Director of Acts Ltd ("the Firm"), submitted incorrect VAT returns to HMRC, which under-declared the turnover of the Firm as particularised in Schedule 1 below;
- (b) Mr Julian Sweetman's conduct in respect of 1(a) above was:
  - (i) Dishonest, in that he knew that the VAT returns submitted to HMRC were false.
- (c) By reason of his conduct in respect of 1(a) and/or 1(b) above, Mr Julian Sweetman is guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Sweetman be removed from membership and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £5000.

Please note that this may be the subject of an appeal.

ACCA's regulations require ACCA to publish the Committee's findings and orders by way of a news release, as soon as practicable.

\* An order made by the Disciplinary Committee shall take effect from the date of expiry of the Appeal Period referred to in the Appeal Regulations unless the Committee directs that the order should have immediate effect

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